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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR EMANUEL'S APPOINTMENTS
TO CHICAGO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

The Chicago City Council today approved a number of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's appointments to Chicago Boards and Commissions. He also named several individuals to boards and commissions. The following appointees represent the City of Chicago's diverse communities and astute business leaders.

"Throughout their careers, these individuals have shown a deep dedication to serving communities across Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "My administration is committed to providing people in every neighborhood with the highest quality and most effective services. Through their leadership and hard work, I'm confident these appointees will help the City achieve its goals."

City Council approved the following appointments:

Appointed to the Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors

- Alexandra Holt, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, The Art Institute of Chicago

Appointed to the Commuter Rail Board (Metra) Board of Directors

- Cory L. Thames, Deputy Director, Community Engagement, The Obama Foundation

Reappointed to the Illinois International Port District Board

- Michael Forde, Partner, Forde Law Offices LLP.
- Ray Suarez, Former Alderman, 31st Ward
- Henry Wisniewski, Retired, Court Reporter, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission

Mayor Emanuel also introduced the following appointments.

Appointed to the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners

- Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Civic leader, former William Blair investment manager
- Timothy King, President and CEO, Urban Prep Academies (reappointment)

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Appointed to the Community Development Commission

- Latasha Thomas, Senior Counsel, Clark Hill, former Alderman, 17th Ward
- Eileen Rhodes, President, Ewast Lake Management Group, Inc. (reappointment)

Reappointed to the Chicago Plan Commission

- Raul Garza, President and CEO, Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness
- Smita Shah, President and CEO, Spaan Tech, Inc.

Appointed to the Chicago Board of Ethics

- Barbara McDonald, former Judge, Cook County Circuit Court

Mayor Emanuel also appointed Ilan Shalit, Founder and Managing Member at Consolidated Trading, LLC., to the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority Board. This measure is effectively immediately and does not require City Council approval.

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